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Valley of the Moon Amateur Radio Club WIRELESS

FROM THE TOP: The Crush is On

This Month's Meeting is on September 16 at the Fire Station on Second Street West in Sonoma. The topic will be, "Where is Scarborough Reef?"

Where has the time gone? It is already September and fall is just around the corner. The summer just seems to have flown by. There was the Hamfest in April, Field Day in June, the 4th of July Parade, Point Reyes Lighthouse in August and up next is the Vintage Festival. Time just flies when you are having fun.

The Vintage Festival is at the end of the month. This is an ACS event that is always fun. There is also an ACS event in the planning stages for the fall.

Next year's Hamfest is scheduled for May 1.

There was a VE session on August 22 and there was quite a good turnout. A ham from Japan passed all the exams and walked out with his extra license. We are looking at putting a weekend ham class on in November. Stay tuned for more details.

We are getting ready for the election of club officers. We will be nominating new officers starting this month and at the October meeting and having elections in November. The Coronation Ceremony will be at the Christmas party, which is planned for December at Mary's Pizza in Boyes Hot Springs.

Hope to see you at the Vintage Festival in Sonoma, and at the September meeting. Keep those batteries charged!

Minutes of August 19 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by president Dave at 1935.

The minutes were approved with the following correction. The Christmas party date is Dec. 9.

The Treasurer reported a balance of $2563.08 and $100 in petty cash.

ACS unit leader, Ken, reported that there will likely be a drill sometime in

October, possibly in conjunction with Sonoma Skypark.

The Vintage Festival is Sept and ACS participation is needed.

A GPS drill with south county in November was discussed.

A call out drill is also upcoming.

There will be a VE session on the 22nd of this month. Sanford, N7PIB, will be in charge.

There was a report on the Pt. Reyes lighthouse activity. About 90 contacts made even though band conditions were poor. There were parking problems and no overnight camping. There were 105 contacts with park visitors.

List of those who have not paid dues was circulated.

Hamfest will be on May 1, 2010.

Nominations for 2010 officers will be in Sept.

Sept. meeting is scheduled at the Sonoma Fire Station. (This has been changed to the Sonoma PD. Jim, K6UUW) Andrew reported on two events needing volunteers. The Waves to Wine on 12, 13, Sept. and the Grand Fondo on Oct3.

There will be a special event in Napa on Sept, 19. Contact Mark, KE6O, for more info.

The meeting concluded with a discussion of the trip made by Darrel and Jim in Darrel's 1947 Stinson to Oshkosh, WI and the experience of operating air mobile.

Submitted by Jim, K6UUW, VP

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Next Meeting: 2007 DXpedition to Scarborough reef

Sixteen operators from several countries risked their lives to put BS7H on the air, the most sought after DX country. A one-hour video will show bravery, organization, logistics and international diplomacy needed to pull it off.

Dave Dammuller, KD6FIL– President

Jim Hill, K6UUW
Vice-President, Training Officer

Joan Brady, W6WXU – Secretary

Marty Nemiroff, KI6RTP – Treasurer

Mike Miller, WB6TMH – Radio Officer

Ken McTaggart, N6KM – ACS Unit Leader

Joel Nadler, NN6J – VE Liaison

Jim Hill, K6UUW – Elmer Coordinator

Ken McTaggart, N6KM – Station Trustee for W6AJF

Eileen Adams, KG6QNT – Webmeistress, Editor

Receipt of the Wireless is one of the most sought after benefits of membership in VOMARC—S. Marler.

CLUB MEETINGS are held on the third Wednesday of each month at McDougal Hall at the Sonoma Developmental Center, Eldridge or the Sonoma Fire Station on 2nd St West. Meetings start at 19:30 local (7:30 P.M.).

WEB PAGE: http://www.vomarc.org/

Nets are held every Wednesday night at 19:30 (7:30 P.M.) local, except meeting nights on the 145.350 repeater, -600 kHz, PL 88.5 Hz.

ACS holds a net each Monday evening at 19:30 local on the 146.205, +600, PL 88.5 Hz repeater.

PACKET STATION INFO: The VOMARC packet station is off the air until further notice.

CLUB BREAKFASTS are held on the first Saturday of each month at Palms Grill (formerly Issa's) Restaurant, 18999 Sonoma Highway, Sonoma. The fun starts at 09:30 local.

Comments and submissions of material may be sent to:

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THE NEXT VOMARC MEETING IS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, CITY OF SONOMA EOC, SONOMA POLICE DEPARTMENT, 175 1ST ST WEST IN SONOMA AT 7:30PM
SEE YOU THERE.

VOMARC MEMBERSHIP

VOMARC 2009 Membership Dues: $15/year individual; $5/year family member.

VOMARC encourages its members to join the ARRL. More information is available at www.arrl.org. QST is available to blind and physically handicapped individuals on audio cassette from the Library of Congress, National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped. Call 1-800-424-8567.

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Membership Moment, From the Database Queen

Please check the mailing label on this newsletter. It tells you when your VOMARC dues are due. Dues may be mailed to Marty KI6RTP, 20829 Via Colombard, Sonoma, CA 95476, or brought to the next

meeting. If there is any mistake, please do not shoot the messenger; email Eileen KG6QNT at Eileen@vom.com. Your check should be made payable to: **VOMARC**